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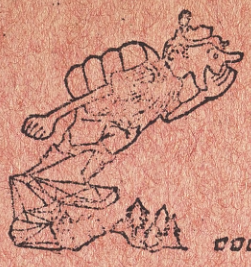

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CONSERVATION—UNFINISHED STORY

Dinosaur-The action of the House Committee in reporting out the bill without Echo Park Dam has fooled a few people into thinking we had won a famous victory but disturbed many who know that to leave out Echo Park Dam without making any of the necessary changes in the rest of the bill is like deciding to build a Bay Bridge but "eliminating" one of its piers. The move is clearly political with the idea that Echo Park Dam can be returned to the bill once it passes the House. The Forest Service has just found out that this kind of thing can be a real danger. Their extra one million dollars which was so happily reported in the April Bulletin shrank to only half a million in the conference session between Senate and House and the bill was signed before any of the interested organizations realized what had happened.

Mining Bills are a little closer to a satisfactory passage. The compromise bill which, strange to say, has support from both mining and conservationist groups, is in committee and has a real chance to pass if not lost in the end of session shuffle.

Whichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, a 60,000 acre preserve for the wildlife of the original prairies, was suddenly threatened by an army proposal to take out ten thousand acres for military purposes. The area is too small as it is, but unique in its preserved life. The Sierra Club joined other groups in protesting this plan in a letter to the House committee now considering the appropriating. There is no news of any decision yet. We are sorry to leave our problems hanging in mid-air, poised over a precipice of uncertainty. We wish Congress adjourned for the summer when Yodeler does! All we can say is

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FLASH! SCOOP! NOW HEAR THIS!

The Sierra Club is in the process of acquiring extensive property adjacent to Clair Tappaan Lodge in the vicinity of Norden. This is being done with an eye to the future and the expected increase in Club membership and in the use of the Lodge and environs which will be accelerated by the Olympics to be held in Squaw Valley in 1960.

It is hoped we can begin use of this property this summer for camping (not cooking) in conjunction with Clair Tappaan.

FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

The last issue of the Yodeler carried a full account of the coming FWOC convention over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-4-5, to be held at Fern Valley, near Idyllwild on Mt. San Jacinto. This is a reminder that all Sierra Club members are invited to attend--see last Yodeler for details. Reservation blanks can be obtained from the Club Office, or from Ramona Wascher, FWOC Secretary, 2741 Clay Street, S.F. JOrdan 7-1614.

YODELEREADERS—ATTENTION

Two things we beg you to remember! If you have received one of our reminder cards that your subscription is due, please send it in right away. We shall pull out all unpaid subscriptions soon, and only paid-up readers will receive the first issue of the Fall season.

The other item...of course! Send your change of address to the Club Office just as soon as you know it. Do you know that each undelivered Yodeler costs the chapter two cents return postage?

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that we still have an even chance on the battle for Dinosaur. The daily papers will carry the highlights, and eventually the Bulletin will bring you the whole story.

The conservation story from the State Legislature is somewhat better. Here is the report which Randal Dickey, Chairman of the Chapter Conservation Committee, has just brought in to Yodeler after studying the bills throughout the week-end.

Awaiting signature by the Governor (who has expressed strong displeasure at the careless drafting of the "omnibus" bill) are these measures.

Wilderness areas. A bill to increase protection of these areas by making them subject to provisions of the State Fish and Game Code, thereby assisting Federal forces in protection, was passed and though no copy of the bill is handy it is probably in the same form as on May 5.

In the "omnibus" bill is an extraordinary mixture of items concerning State Parks. At least it provides that the Division of Beaches and Parks is to spend the Tidelands Oil fund. The Collier bill to divert these to the counties was killed in committee.

The interim committees of the Legislature are to study and report on the whole policy under which parks are acquired, matching funds, etc. (con't)

WANTED

Two sleeping bags, four air mattresses, one tent for family of four.
AShberry 3-4409

TAMALPAIS CONSERVATION CLUB

Have you joined the T.C.C.? Your membership dollar will help contribute to work on the trails in Marin County, trail signs, etc. as well as bring you their publication, the Out-Of-Doors. Several Sierra Club members currently serving on the TCC Board of Directors are: Ted Grubb, Vice-President, Mary Margaret Jones, Membership Chairman, Ralph Groves, Robert Wing and Walter Rivers. Most TCC members belong to one if not more of the Bay Area clubs--why don't you join too? Send $1.00 for year's membership to TAMALPAIS CONSERVATION CLUB, 735 Pacific Building, San Francisco 3, California.

GOODBYE, HENRY

Marin hikers will be sorry to hear that Henry Saddler, Chief Ranger at Mt. Tamalpais State Park, has been transferred. However, it is good news that it is a promotion for Henry, and his new station will be at Weott, in northern California. Henry has extended an invitation to all his Sierra Club friends to stop and see him when they are up in the redwood country.

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Redwood Highway relocation--only $1,000,000 was appropriated, not nearly enough, but perhaps a definite commitment to the alternate road.

Butano State Park gets $1,750,000 for 3,120 acres..BUT none of the money can be spent until the interim committee has studied the park policies, and in no event for one year after passage of the bill. Randal think there is grave question of the constitutionality of this proviso.

Monticello Dam on Putah Creek gets $500,000. (We hope there will be enough water to deserve a park.)

$500,000 is allocated to the gold discovery site and Coloma.

Frank's Tract in Contra Costa County will get $300,000 to acquire the 4,000 acres of marsh and water which is expected to make an excellent aquatic state park. Many other provisions are named in the bill, getting more or less of the appropriated monies. Later we shall hear from our friends in the Division of Beaches and Parks just what they plan to do with these and other items for which they will be responsible.

--CMC

JULY FOURTH TRIPS

Knapsacking

The Caribou Peak knapsack trip will be beautiful but rugged. No beginners, please! The total mileage is perhaps over 27.

The second day will be 12 - mostly cross-country - miles, with brush and fallen logs. It will be easy to get lost, and the group must stay together. Black Cinder Rock will be climbed for beautiful view.

Shorts will be desirable, and bushwhacking clothes are essential. Lots of lakes--bring swimsuits and/or fishing gear.

Leaders: Dave Geddes and Millie Holota. East Bay transportation coordination: Elaine Winterhalder.

Car Camping

This trip has been changed to Tamarack Flat, Yosemite. It's 3 miles off Tioga Road, 3 miles above Crane Flat check station. There's a fine campground, which was deserted on the crowded Memorial Day week end. Good hiking to top of El Capitan, and with car shuttling, there can be some unusual views of the valley from the old Big Oak Flat control road.

--Helen Waterman

GLACIER PEAK WILDERNESS OUTING

The Seattle Mountaineers are sponsoring a trip over August 5 through 8, with an optional extension of up to 3 days. All hiking will be from the roadhead at Darrington Ranger Station, 30 miles east of Arlington, Washington.

Commissary will be handled individually by those going, and the committee will have coffee available for a nominal fee.

If you can make it, send $1 with reservation to Leo Gallagher, Box 1505, Tacoma 1, Washington.

WANTED

The club office is very short of the April Sierra Club Bulletin. They urgently need more copies to fulfill requests for summer outings information. Yodelereaders, won't you please let the club have your copies back?

TAPPAAN TOPICS

Work parties will be going on all summer--the warming hut has been started already, and the tool room is undergoing improvement.

Work party members get free weekend meals and transportation (drivers get a financial credit against lodge accommodations) and priorities on crowded skiing weekends. To take part in a work party you must check with the Club office first.

Lazy? Don't feel like working in the summer? Come on up anyway. Barbecues are the order of the evening on Saturday nights--then there's folk dancing, lots of hiking country, lakes for your boats, streams for fishing, horses for riding at Donner Summit, water skiing on Donner Lake. We could go on and on - the long and short of it is that CTL has everything for your summer fun!

NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS OF CALIFORNIA

The California Conservation Council has just published an illustrated 8 page leaflet on the National Parks and Monuments in California. It is the first time a single, brief publication has been offered and the price is only 5¢ each. You may get them from the office of the Council at 912 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara. The National Parks listed are Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Yosemite and Lassen Volcanic; the National Monuments are Cabrillo, Channel Islands, Pinnacles, Muir Woods, Death Valley, Joshua Tree, Millerton Lake, Devils Postpile and Lava Beds. A short description of each is given.

GO TO HAVASU CANYON IN THE FALL

For those who must delay until fall for their yearly vacations, nothing could be finer than a pack trip into the remote and beautiful Havasu Canyon in Northern Arizona. There will be a trip from September 25-30, open to all chapters and on a prorated basis. This will be under the capable leadership of Joe Wampler, whose home address is Box 45, Berkeley 9, Calif, or from July 7 to September 5 he may be contacted c/o Josephs, Bishop, California. Reservations may also be made through Mildred Holota, SKyline 1-7990.

MOUNTAINEARS NEAR.....

Seen last Sunday's Oakland Tribune? There's quite an article in it about Maryann Danielson, who's a ranger at Berkeley's Tilden Park - in case you didn't already know. The spread - plus pictures - gives a pretty thorough rundown on the many facets of Danny's job - not the least difficult of which is her porcupine carrying abilities. Takes a lot of know-how to be able to carry one of those critters around in your bare hands.

By the time you read this article, the one marriage we have to report will be old news. Mary Cochran, our Yodeler cartoonist, will marry Phil Briggs on Saturday, June 25. They're both in the river touring section - and Phil already has a double foldboat. It's easy to see that this marriage is off to a good start!

NEATEST TRICK OF THE WEEK was Wilma (Buff) Nuotio's picture on the cover of the June Bulletin. The picture has Buff's name on it, and the subject is also Buff. You figure it out. Buff is also on our Yodeler staff - shows you how talented this bunch is.

DIE-HARD SKIER DEPARTMENT: Some skiers never give up! The Yodeler's entire male staff - all two of us - plus nine others of equally doubtful sanity enjoyed summer skiing on Lassen's snopes (that's our new word for snowy slopes) this last weekend. Maybe it wasn't deep powder we were skiing in, but at least we weren't bothered by crowds. And the ski lift prices were very reasonable. One event of note was Howard Frohlich's exploitation of Norma Hovey - a poor li'l gal who was new to this sort of thing. Howard persuaded her to carry his pack - including his dainty little ski boots - clear to the top. But Norma made him pay dearly - Howard had to keep her in beer all the way home, and it was a long, hot, thirsty trip.

Classic quote of the week was Robin Robinson's remark to husband Merritt after they'd spent the whole day with pick and shovel leveling the land for the club's new Ludlow ski hut - "And you still want to build a house on a hillside lot?"

Eight Sierrans showed up for this first work party on the hut - we hope the number will be increased as the summer goes on. This hut will be part of the chain that will one day enable us to ski in comfort from Donner to Echo Summit. So let's go, people!

M. M. W. D. TOUR

Thirty-four adults, two children and two dogs (loashed) turned up at Phoenix Lake last Sunday morning to meet Jim Vitek, who acted in the dual capacity of hike leader and representative and guide for the Municipal Water District. Jim, who was easily the most nattily attired leader in Chapter history, (and I hope this sets no precedent) proceeded to conduct the group through a tour of inspection of the main storage facilities of the Water District, explaining the various installations at Phoenix, Bon Tempe, Lagunitas and Alpine Lakes and between points.

At the lunch spot the group was treated to a display of charts and pictures depicting the history and development of Marin County's water supply. At this point a third dog plus owner attached themselves to our contingent for a short distance. At this point also a group of "self-sacrificing" (the motive could also have been goldbricking) drivers volunteered to go back for the cars and bring enough of them to Alpine Dam to transport the rest of the group, who toiled on along the Kent and Helen Markt Trails, back to the remaining autos and home.

When the last group had emerged from the inner depths of Alpine Dam we all expressed our thanks to Jim (still natty) for the bang-up job he did in planning and executing the trip. We appreciated, too, the co-operation given to us by the M.M.W.D. management in making the tour possible. --Walter Oppenheimer

Ethel Unselt reports that she had a pleasantly large number of newcomers out on her Tamalpais hike June 12. It was a nice introduction to Tam for these people. Hope we see them many times more on the mountain.

Here's news about another Yodeler staff member - an ex-staffer this time. Margaret Shaub is now up at the University of Oregon, working for her Master's Degree.

On re-reading this column, it seems as if the people on the Yodeler staff are the only ones making news. Doesn't anyone else do anything? If you do - and you've all summer ahead of you to do it in - please, please, PLEASE tell us. Or our first gossip column of the fall will be like this one - telling you what the staff did all summer long. And won't that be horrible! --AF

LITTERBUGS IN JAPAN

(Messes at home) never hit me as hard as when I came to Japan and went into the lovely mountains and lovely lake areas and saw the awful mess of perpetual litter that humans can leave.

Fuji-san is a serene goddess, on those rare clear days when there is no haze shrouding her, she can be seen everywhere - from the middle of Tokyo - from Yokohama - from Sagami bay on the coast-from Japan Alps to the northwest - her majestic symmetrical snow capped cone is a thing of beauty forever - FROM A DISTANCE!

..unfortunately on closer inspection lovely Fuji-san is one messy garbage heap - from Station One at the botton to Station ten at the top - one trail of litter that reminded me of a ski lodge after the snows melt. The "stations" are crude huts to get tea, eatables, have your stick stamped for 10 yen, etc. - they are pretty smelly too, in some cases.

Obviously, the pressure of population is much to blame for the litter. But so is the fact that you find garbage cans nowhere - nor any attempt to coerce people into taking their litter home in their knapsacks.

A few weeks ago we made a local climb on a 4,000' ridge across the valley from Fuji-san and thence made an easy descent to one of the five lakes in the plain at the foot of Fuji-san.

Have met some very fine Japanese climbers and mountaineers and skiers here. Gosh - more stores with mountain gear than we have at home - even the little stores have ice axes, crampons, etc. It is odd - the Japanese are such real nature lovers, it is difficult to coordinate the messes you find with their zeal for hiking, etc. Remember in the old days how the people in our area crowded the trains to Sausalito and Mill Valley to hike? - well the Japanese have that zeal - you find them out in the mountains and wilderness areas everywhere. Regards to all, sayonara,

--Helene Glass

There was a young man from Japan
Who wrote verse that no one could scan.
When appraised of this fact,
He replied with some tact
Well, you see, I always try to crowd as many words into the last line as I possibly can.

GOURMET GUIDE SUPPLEMENT

Here's your supplement to the Gourmet Guide. Cut it out and staple, glue, nail, weld, bolt, or otherwise fasten it to the guide that appeared with our last issue. Same general comments apply.

HIGHWAY 99

WILLIAMS - The Town House. ½ block west of 99 on route 20, north side of street. Good dinners from $1.65.
MERCED - Reinero's. One block east of 99 somewhere in the center of town. Italian cuisine. Good food, service, and prices.
FRESNO - Nate's. About five miles north of town on east side of 99. A truck stop with pretty (?) good food reasonably priced. All right, so it doesn't sound too attractive. It's the only restaurant anyone's recommended in the Fresno area.

HIGHWAY 40

SACRAMENTO - The Hawaiian Hut. On the old route 40, west side of town. Steaks for about $1.75 are said to be very good, and the aperitifs just to the left of the dining room are out of this world - or so says our correspondent.
ROSEVILLE - The Log Cabin. On 40, a mile or so east of town. Wonderful chicken dinners. This restaurant will still be on 40 after the new freeway is opened August first, so it should become more popular with skiers this coming winter.

HIGHWAY 140

MARIPOSA - Old Capital Inn. This should be ideal for Sierrans, since our reporter says they probably won't let you in if you're wearing a tie. Our Duncan Hines says breakfast was good and so were prices. Open about 5:30 ayem to 10 at night.

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More forest fires in the United States are started on Sunday than on any other day in the week.

There are three main causes of forest fires -- men, women and children.

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JOHN MUIR

At the last dinner meeting, two people were overheard talking, and one asked, "Who was or is John Muir?" The other person asked, "What did he do?"

So, here's a little (very little, indeed) to acquaint you with one of the founders and first president of the Sierra Club.

John Muir was born in Scotland at Dunbar in 1838. He showed an early interest in all of nature and her expressions.

The year 1849 saw John Muir being brought to the wild frontier of Wisconsin. There, he helped his father homestead, and taught himself by reading, studying, and experimenting in the cellar of his farm home before morning chores began.

At 21, and never having been in school since leaving Scotland, he attended the U. of Wisconsin and earned his way by teaching in vacation time and at various odd jobs. His main interests were natural science and mechanics. Showing inventive genius on the farm, it was his intention to make mechanical invention his life work. Just after leaving the university, an eye injury made him change his mind, and then he started his many trips of exploration.

On foot, he made extensive trips to Canada; he walked from Indiana to Florida and was stopped in Florida from continuing on to South America because of a serious fever. While in Florida, he made his first contact and arranged to go to California (via the Isthmus). He had heard of the discovery of Yosemite Valley and the descriptions of its wonders to impressed him, that as soon as he landed in San Francisco, he set out on foot for Yosemite. He was so impressed with the incomparable charm and majesty of Yosemite that he spent his next few years in impassioned study. He lived on the floor of the valley and took many trips of exploration up the great canyons and along the High Sierra.

Marrying in 1880, he took over the management of a fruit farm in Alhambra Valley, near Mount Diablo. His farm was a great success and fruits and trees from all over the world were raised in his gardens.

Wanderlust still controlled him, so each year for many years he took long steamer trips to Alaska, and traveled with the Indians and by himself, exploring the coastline, glaciers, and unmapped and unexplored mountain ranges. He draw many maps of these areas, and was the first to make them known to the world.

Perhaps we should say that John Muir is best known as a Writer and Conservationist. He was the prime mover in the creation of Yosemite National Park, and in parts of Yosemite Valley becoming a state park. He was also the leader in having the Arizona petrified forests protected with national monument status. He devoted most of his life to the preservation of our forests and parks.

His writings are gems of English Literature--his style simple and direct--his love of nature so unbounded--that he inspires his readers with his own enthusiasm.

John Muir was President of the Sierra Club from its organization in 1892 until his death Christmas Eve, 1914. He was honored with many degrees from many universities. Yes, John Muir did awaken the public to the crying need for the conservation of our natural heritage of scenic beauty. All of us owe him a tremendous debt. There are many books written by and about John Muir. Why not sample one?

--From the "Condor Call"

The following space is reserved for all you rock climbers. Won't you please let let us know what you're doing? We'd like to print it-and we know you'd like to read it.

WEST POINT CLUB HOSTESS SCHEDULE
* FOR JULY AND AUGUST, 1955

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7/9-10	Beth MacBride	MO 4-2919	Ev.
*7/16-17	Mrs. C. Gayman	HI 4-6732	Ev.
7/23-24	Marion Schoch	WE 1-4154	Ev.
*7/30-31	Olive Stockhausen & Mary Spencer	(UN 3-4868 (JU 4-4072	Day Ev.
*8/6-7	Carolyn Nelson & Vi-An Cochran	GL 3-9469	Ev.
8/13-14	Mary Garland	WA 1-5452	Ev.
*8/20-21	Grace Woodward	DU 8-2543	Ev.
8/27-28	Florence Vigeant	MO 4-8998	Any.

*Central Commissary